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UMass/Boston names honorary degree recipients for 1988

United States Senator John F. Kerry (D.-Mass.) will deliver the featured address at UMass/Boston's 20th Commencement on Saturday, May 28, 1988 at 1 p.m. on the Harbor Campus.

Senator Kerry has served in the U.S. Senate since 1984 and previously was Lt. Governor of the Commonwealth (1983-84) under Gov. Michael S. Dukakis. He is one of seven who will receive honorary degrees.

The honorees include venerable U.S. Congressman Claude Pepper (D.-Fla.) who will deliver the address at the Gerontology Institute's graduation ceremonies on Wednesday, May 25, at the John F. Kennedy Library. Some 60 graduates will participate in that ceremony.

Others to be honored at the May 28 ceremonies:

- William Davis Taylor, former Chairman of the Board, Affiliated Publications, Inc., parent corporation of *The Boston Globe*.
- Ronald A. Homer, President of the Boston Bank of Commerce.
- Bernard O'Keefe, Chairman of the Board, Wellesley-based EG & G, Inc., an electronics firm.
- Dr. Claire A. Van Ummersen, Chancellor, University System of New Hampshire.

• Posthumously, to Paul M. Fye, late President of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution on Cape Cod. Mrs. Ruth Fye will accept.

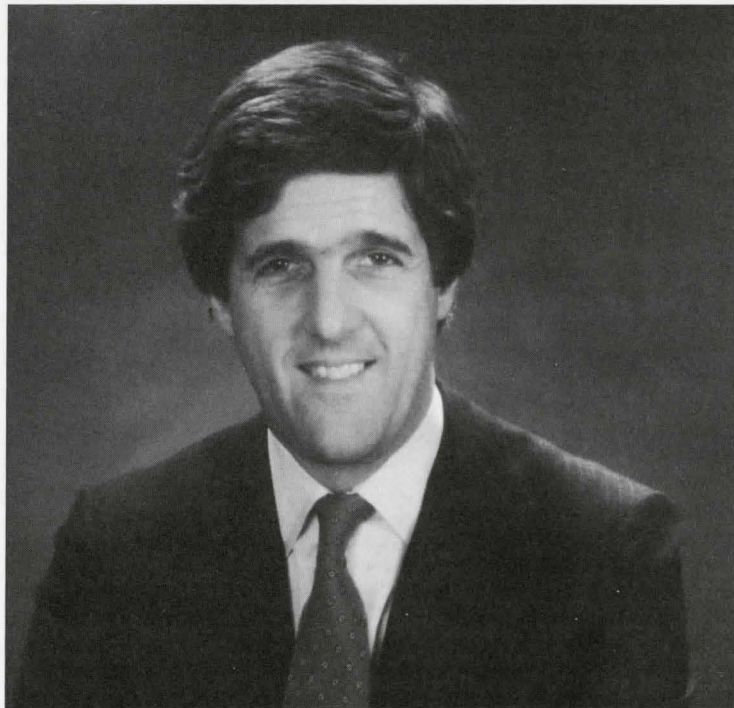
Said Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan:

"This May, UMass/Boston will celebrate a significant anniversary, as it holds its 20th Commencement. In the course of those 20 years we have awarded honorary degrees to many distinguished individuals, and we are pleased that those selected for 1988 will add luster to that group.

"The university has a special obligation to hold up to our students and to society in general models of what we expect from our graduates. Thus we are extremely proud of the individuals on whom we bestow honorary degrees, for we mean to show the world that which we value while providing models to emulate.

"Senator John Kerry has been a

U.S. Senator John F. Kerry is featured speaker at University's 20th Commencement



U.S. Senator John F. Kerry



Ronald A. Homer

firm friend and supporter of UMass/Boston for many years especially of our large number of Vietnam veterans. He has been a frequent guest on our campus, and we already consider him one of our own. It is a pleasure to formalize that relationship with this honorary degree.



W. Davis Taylor

"I take pleasure in honoring William Davis Taylor. Under his leadership, *The Boston Globe* has solidified its standing as a leading regional and national newspaper. He has also been a good friend and neighbor in his role as an officer of *The Boston Globe*, aiding us with wise council and helping establish

scholarship funds for worthy students.

"The unfortunate death of Paul M. Fye has deprived the scientific world of an important voice. I am pleased that his good wife, Ruth Fye, will accept the degree in his name.

"The success of Ronald A. Homer in the business world and in the community makes him an important role model for our students. I am pleased that his name will be associated with the University.

"Bernard J. O'Keefe has achieved great distinction in the electronics industry, in which many of our graduates make their careers. It is pleasant indeed to make him a member of our community.

"Congressman Claude D. Pepper has been a strong supporter of our Gerontology Program as part of his national leadership role in matters concerning older Americans. His remarkable career is an inspiration to us all as we grow older. I am pleased that he will be the speaker at our Gerontology commencement program.

"Claire Van Ummersen is no stranger to UMass/Boston, having been Interim Chancellor just prior to my arrival in 1979. She rendered distinguished service to the University and to higher education in the Commonwealth, and it is a pleasure to welcome her home."

Senator Kerry, 44, received a B.A. degree from Yale University in 1966 and a J.D. from Boston College Law School in 1976. He was elected Lt. Governor in 1982 where he became a leader in the fight to eliminate acid rain and in developing programs to help victims of crime.

He serves on the Foreign Relations Committee as well as on the Small Business Commission and is a past president of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce.

W. Davis Taylor has been with *The Globe* for 57 years. After attending Harvard, he joined the paper in 1931. In 1937, he became Treasurer, then General Manager and, upon the death of his father William O. Taylor in 1955, publisher

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David Carson graduates in June with UMB's first Ph.D. degree

On May 28, 1988, when David B. Carson becomes the first student to graduate from a Ph.D. program at UMass/Boston, it will mark the end of 11 semesters of study covering more than five years and countless hours.

It will also represent a beginning, both for David Carson and UMass/Boston.

Carson, one of a handful of students in January, 1983 to enroll in the University's fledgling Environmental Science doctoral program, will begin a promising career as a microbiologist.

As for the University, Fuad Safwat, Dean of Graduate Studies, says Carson's accomplishment "has special meaning for us."

"We are moving toward expanding our doctoral science programs," Safwat said. "Symbolically, this is very important."

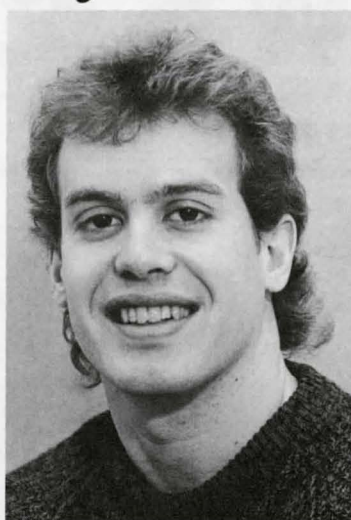
Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan of the University of Massachusetts at Boston said: "This is an important milestone for the Boston Campus. I congratulate Mr. Carson on his personal achievement and on his institutional role as the recipient of our first doctorate. In the annals of UMass/Boston he will always be the first Ph.D."

"This doctorate and those that will follow not only in Environmental Sciences but also in Clinical Psychology and other fields are the culmination of an historical process that was set in motion in 1964 when the University's Boston Campus was authorized by the Legislature and the Governor. The same felt need that called for undergraduate education in the 1960's and '70's is now manifest for graduate education in the 1980's and '90's."

Carson has had little time to ponder the symbolic or historical aspects of his accomplishment. It is his commitment to research that he will remember best.

"It's been very difficult and very rewarding," he says.

Carson's dissertation on "the effect of hydrocarbon pollutants on



David B. Carson

Cladosporium Resinae" has a practical and timely application, involving as it does breakdown of pollutants in water. Boston Harbor, which Carson says is the most polluted harbor in the country, has been his chief resource.

Another of Carson's resources has been Dr. Joseph Cooney, Director of the Environmental Science Program.

Were it not for Cooney, Carson would never have arrived at the Harbor Campus. After receiving his undergraduate degree in Biology from Syracuse University's School of Environmental Science and Biology, Carson, a native of Waterford, New York, planned to attend the University of Maryland in 1982, as a graduate student and research assistant to Cooney.

But Cooney put a hitch in those plans, leaving Maryland's Chesa-

apeake Biological Laboratory to become the first director and faculty member of UMass/Boston's inaugural doctoral program. For Carson, it was simply a matter of changing destinations to follow his mentor.

At UMass/Boston, Carson completed his required course work in the first three years. Since 1986, Carson has focused on research, a stage of the program that Cooney likens to an apprenticeship.

"I've had probably 34 graduate students," Cooney says. "David is among the best." Last summer he presented examples of his work at three seminars and was offered jobs by three companies.

"David has worked on an idea which is of interest to both of us," Cooney says. "I'm learning too."

Carson has accepted a post-doctoral research position with the Monsanto Company in St. Louis, a firm which produces herbicides and chemicals, including the product NutraSweet. As for his future, the more choices, the better.

"I may want to work in private industry," Carson says. "Or with a regulating agency. Or maybe teaching."

Brian Baldwin wins Truman Scholarship

Brian Baldwin, a UMass/Boston sophomore honors student from South Boston, has been named a Harry S. Truman Scholarship winner, one of four selected in Massachusetts and the fourth UMB winner in eight years.

The Truman Scholarship honors the thirty-third president of the United States. It is awarded on the basis of merit to college juniors in the forthcoming academic year who have outstanding potential for leadership in various phases of government.

Baldwin, a resident of K. Street, South Boston, is a Political Science major and does research under the direction of Prof. James Ward in that department.

Baldwin was one of three UMass/Boston regional finalists in the Truman Scholarship bidding. The others were Wayne R. Miller of Thetford Ave., Dorchester, a junior sociology major, and Katherine A. Maloney of Prescott Street, Watertown, a sophomore management major.

Baldwin served in the U.S. Navy, 1971-75, and entered UMass/Boston in 1986. He is active with the Arch Foundation in South Boston, working with chemically-dependent people.



UMass/Boston sophomore Brian Baldwin poses with Provost Betty Diener after news arrived he'd won a Truman Scholarship, UMB's fourth winner in eight years.

Eligibility for a Truman Scholarship includes an average of at least a B and to have demonstrated in-

terest in a career in government and related public service at the federal, state or local level.

Briefly...

The First Annual Massachusetts Legislators Conference on the Concerns of Veterans was held on Thursday, May 12, at the State House in Boston.

The conference was sponsored by the William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences at UMass/Boston. The host was Senator Francis D. Doris (D-Revere), a long-time advocate of veterans, who provided opening remarks.

Veterans and legislators discussed housing, employment and other issues of concern to veterans.

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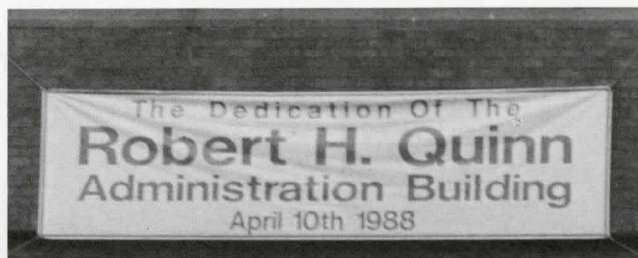
A 12-hour Open Forum on Drug Abuse was held at the Downtown Campus on Wednesday, May 4. The forum is sponsored by the Center for Criminal Justice in the College of Public and Community Service (CPCS).

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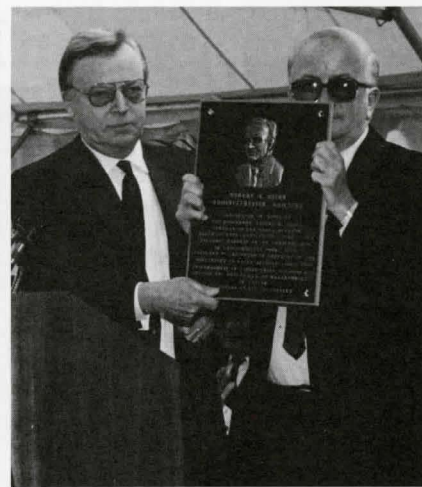
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Former House Speaker David Bartley presents to Robert H. Quinn copy of original bill that founded UMass/Boston.



UMB DEDICATES ROBERT H. QUINN BUILDING



President David C. Knapp, left, and Trustee Chairman Andrew C. Knowles display Robert H. Quinn plaque



Senate President William M. Bulger, right, and U.S. Congressman J. Joseph Moakley flank Robert H. Quinn at dedication ceremonies at the Harbor Campus.



Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan and Congressman J. Joseph Moakley, left, listen to former Trustee Chairman Robert H. Quinn's address.



Rare photo of four former Speakers of the House was taken at Quinn Administration Building dedication. Left to right, former Speaker David Bartley, present Speaker George Keverian, former Speakers Robert H. Quinn and Thomas McGee.



U.S. Senator Warren Rudman, right, poses with old pal Bob Quinn and State Representative Paul White.

"This is a happy, happy day for me," said Robert H. (Bob) Quinn at jam-packed dedication services for the UMass/Boston Administration Building named in his honor. "I'm just happy the folks in Ward 13 saw some qualities in me that ultimately made this place forever Quinn."

Quinn, a Dorchester native, rose from a State Representative to House Speaker and, eventually, Attorney General. He co-sponsored with Senate President Maurice Donahue and Senator George Kennaally the legislation that created the University of Massachusetts at

Boston. It was signed June, 1964, by Gov. Endicott Peabody.

Many state leaders were on hand to hear U.S. Senator Warren Rudman of New Hampshire, the keynote speaker, talk of his "deep affection and admiration of Bob Quinn."

"Bob Quinn is the best among us," said Senate President William M. Bulger.

"He is a gentle giant, a true public servant," said former UMass Trustee Thomas P. Costin, Jr., Postmaster, City of Lynn.

House Speaker George Keverian of Everett, one of four House Speakers on hand for the event,

spoke with wit and acerbity.

"Bob Quinn was a champion of education," said former Gov. Foster Furcolo.

"He spearheaded the site selection in his district and has made an indelible mark on UMass/Boston," said Congressman J. Joseph Moakley.

"Bob Quinn," said Federal Judge David Nelson, "has a broad range of qualities - husband, family man, church-goer, a God-fearing model."

"These buildings," said former House Speaker David Bartley, "are a tribute to Bob Quinn's foresight and vision." Bartley is President of Holyoke Community College.

"During the years we've worked together, Bob Quinn was particularly responsive to the neighborhood around us," said UMass/Boston Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

University President David C. Knapp made welcoming and introductory remarks and presided with University Trustee Chair Andrew C. Knowles at dedication of the special plaque to be affixed to the building.

Quinn's family was in front-row evidence. His many friends and associates packed the proceedings, which were followed by a reception - and good neighborhood talk.

US Senator John Kerry heads list of honorary degree recipients

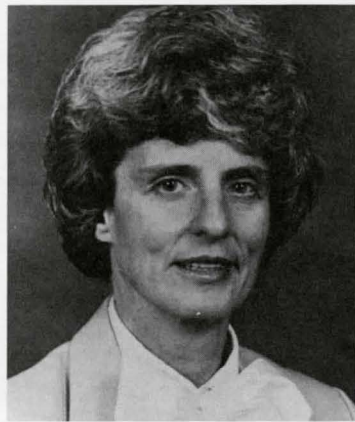
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of *The Globe*, a position he held until January, 1978, when he turned over the position to his son, William O. Taylor II. He remained Chairman of the Board until 1982 and is still a member of the Board of Directors of *The Boston Globe*.

Bernard J. O'Keefe, 70, is Chairman of the Board of Wellesley-based EG & G Co., an electronics firm. He taught in the electrical engineering department at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1946-47, before helping to found EG & G. He is Director of the Bank of New England, John Hancock Life Insurance Co. and Boston Edison, among other firms.

Congressman Claude Denson Pepper, 87, was born on an Alabama farm in 1900. He was graduated from University of Alabama in 1921 and Harvard Law School in 1924. He began his political career with his election to the Florida House of Representatives in 1929. In 1936 he was elected to the U.S. Senate, left for private law practice and returned to Washington D.C. in 1962 when he was elected Representative for Florida's 3rd Congressional District. He long has been a champion of the aging.

Ronald A. Homer, 41, Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Boston Bank of Commerce, was graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1968 and received an MBA from the University of Rochester in 1971. He served with two prominent



Dr. Claire A. Van Ummersen

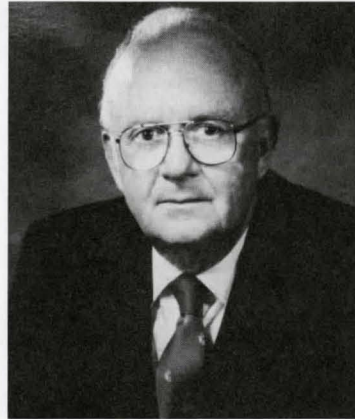


Congressman Claude Pepper

New York banks before coming to the Bank of Commerce in 1983. Homer has increased the assets of the bank five fold. In June, 1986 *Black Enterprise Magazine* cited the Boston Bank of Commerce as the Bank of the Year.



The late Dr. Paul F. Fye



Bernard J. O'Keefe

In addition, Mr. Homer has been active in the formation and management of Columbia Plaza Associates, a minority-owned real estate development firm that recently received designation as a joint partner

in a proposed \$450 million real estate development project in the City of Boston.

Dr. Paul F. Fye, fourth Director of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, served 19 years from 1958 to 1977. He died at age 75 on March 11, 1988. He was graduated from Albright College in 1935. In 1939 he received his Ph.D. from Columbia University. He taught at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Fye joined the U.S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory in Washington, D.C. and served in a variety of capacities until 1958 when he came to Woods Hole.

Dr. Claire A. Van Ummersen served as Interim Chancellor at UMass/Boston, February, 1978-July, 1979, after a distinguished academic career that included B.S. (summa cum laude), M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Tufts University in Biology. She taught at Tufts and UMass/Boston where she held a variety of positions, among them Graduate Program Director for Biology and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. She was a consultant to the Massachusetts Board of Regents of Higher Education, 1981-83, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, 1983-85, Vice Chancellor for Management Systems, 1985-86, and in July, 1986 accepted her present position as Chancellor of New Hampshire's University System.

Rosanne Donahue appointed Assistant Associate Provost

Rosanne Donahue has been appointed Assistant Associate Provost for Academic Affairs.

Ms. Donahue received her B.A. in English in 1983, with honors, and her Masters in English in 1986 from UMB.

She has received the Chancellor's award, the Governor's Award for Pride and Performance and the

Ryan Award for her Master's thesis which is currently under review by *Children's Literature*.

Ms. Donahue recently had a chapter published in the *Masterworks of Children's Literature* on New Realism in the Twentieth Century and is currently under contract by Beacham's Publishers.



Rosanne Donahue



John Larkin Thompson, President of Blue Shield, right, was the featured speaker at a UMass/Boston breakfast lecture sponsored by the College of Management, whose Dean Arnold K. Weinstein, left, flanks Carney Hospital President Jack Logue at the Harbor Campus Faculty Lounge. "Health Care: How Much?" was the topic of Thompson's address, fourth in a series of five.